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Eleventh Annual Report of This Well Known Organization.

BETTERMENT OF MEN AND WOMEN.

Establishment of the Woman's Exchange and Success of the Movement—Able Teachings of Temperance—The Loyal Legion Interesting.

Following is the eleventh annual report of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, 1894-5:

The last year has been an enterprising one in the life of this organization. Starting as we did with a full treasury, we planned several new enterprises having as their end and aim the betterment of man and woman-kind.

First on the list was the securing of a column, or half column, in one of the daily papers for temperance contributions. Articles have been furnished by this union and the Y's on alternate weeks. These have been usually of an interesting character and calculated to enlighten and influence public opinion on the subject of the liquor traffic and its consequences upon those who patronize the business, as well as the beneficial results upon society in general.

Another new enterprise has been the placing of cards in the tramcars, bearing in large print some striking motto or quotation from some renowned person on the drink question, hoping in this way to arrest thought and exert an influence in the right direction. Last, but not least in our new projects during the year, is the establishment of the Woman's Exchange.

This movement has for its object the material aid of women who wish to increase the expenditure of the family without leaving their homes to do it. Early in the year this movement began. A committee of six was appointed to look up a fit place and attend to the details of starting the enterprise. This was no easy task, and great credit is due the ladies who so ably conducted the affair to a successful opening with Miss Oliver in charge, who volunteered her services for a trial of three months, and who has, in fact, served in that capacity since it was opened in May—about six months—and the success of the exchange is largely due to her indefatigable efforts. But the vacation months, and with them the cholera epidemic, brought the business of the exchange nearly to a standstill. After these troublous times were past and other businesses began to arrive a new impetus was given the exchange by taking larger quarters in connection with Miss Oliver's store, where the exchange has been located from the first, and opening a lunch room. The opening day was very encouraging, and we hope the interest will not abate. Light home-made luncheons are served in a room made attractive by its home-like atmosphere.

It is uphill work to carry on a thing of this kind in Honolulu; but if energy, patience and perseverance are the sure elements of success, we expect that under the management of Miss Oliver and the committee of ladies in charge the success of the enterprise is absolutely certain. About \$750 have been paid deposits since its opening and we feel satisfied that it has served one of its chief purposes in helping women who are worthy of assistance.

There has been a movement on foot by the President of the W. C. T. U., Mrs. E. W. Jordan, to organize temperance societies in the schools. At the Kawaiaeo Seminary sixty girls signed the pledge. Other schools were visited and in the Bereania Street school, Miss Malone, principal, she found a tobacco and cigarette pledge already started.

At Oahu College temperance meetings have been held. These meetings were addressed by Mrs. Thomson, our superintendent of temperance instruction, and others, and with recitations and music were exceedingly interesting.

Mrs. Thomson has also held meetings of the same character at the Kamehameha schools.

The meetings of the Y's have been kept up through the year and they have given several Democratic medal contest entertainments. The last report of the president was rather discouraging but we are loath to believe that the society will disband or allow itself to be merged into the W. C. T. U.

They have been so brave and loyal and so helpful in many directions that we have been proud of their record. The Loyal Legion is a very interesting and successful society though the many changes in presidents have perhaps been a drawback. Two of the presidents have resigned on account of circumstances of delicate interest to themselves, but which left the poor children in a state verging upon orphanage. We refer to Miss Ada Jones and Miss May Waterhouse. They were both devoted to the work and were fully appreciated by the mother society. This society of little folks has numbered about thirty-five at its meetings, its membership being much larger. After a long interval Miss Judd has consented to act as president. She has always taken a deep interest in the L. L., and will doubtless make a very successful leader. Miss Ada Whitney is her efficient aid. The department of temperance literature has been under Miss Chamberlain, assisted by Miss Jordan until her departure to Australia. Quite a good deal of literature has been imported—some from the United States and a part from England. This has been distributed on board ships, at the Y.

M. C. A., the barracks, hospital and prisons. Miss Pinder was elected to take Miss Jordan's place, and with no doubt, do faithful work in this department, but it was with sincere regret that we parted with our dear sister, who had won our hearts by her quiet, unobtrusive devotion to the Master's service in this field of labor no less than in church work. A letter was written expressing the appreciation of the Union, and introducing her to her English sisters through the president of the W. C. T. U. of Brisbane, Queensland.

Miss Johnson, superintendent of work among sailors, very faithfully carried on her work for several months but, on account of ill health, has not been able to visit the wharves and ships with the literature of late. The Y. M. C. A. are at work in that department, but we feel that woman's work among sailors is especially appreciated. They are so cut off from the influence of good women that the sight and conversation of a woman is a pleasant break in their lives; and we hope to have this work continue, and that Miss Johnson, who has so faithfully served us in the past, will remain at the head of this department.

Our superintendent of Sunday school work has not reported during the year, though we think she has not been negligent of her duties, as temperance addresses have been given in the Central Union Sunday school as well as to the Mission schools.

The Hilo Union is composed of a brave band of good and loyal white-ribboners. They are doing all in their power to educate and influence public opinion against the saloon. There is but one licensed place in Hilo, but illicit selling is very common. The Union temperance meetings held in the Halli church are a prominent feature of the work of the W. C. T. U. These are held monthly, and are attended by the Hawaiian and foreigner of all nationalities, and are a strong influence for good, especially to the young. Temperance addresses, recitations and songs make up the program of these meetings.

In December, a committee was appointed to confer with the authorities on the matter of saki in view of the havoc it is working among the natives. A letter was addressed to the Foreign Minister asking if anything could be done to suppress its importation. The answer was very discouraging and to the effect that no exception, in the imports of Japan, could be made under present treaty relations.

At our February meetings two petitions addressed to the Legislature were presented to the Society for its endorsement. One of these petitions for the entire prohibition of the sale of liquor over the bar; the other proposing that three places be licensed at a high figure say \$8000, that these should be governed by the same regulations as obtain in other stores of merchandise and that all liquors should be taken away from the places where sold and that the time of opening and closing be fixed at from 6 A. M. to 9 P. M.

A rising vote was taken on each of these petitions, the former being endorsed by a large majority. We have had during the year only ten meetings. In January our meeting was postponed on account of the intense excitement of the rebellion, which broke out on the 8th and continued through the month.

Again, in August, we were hindered by the strict rules enacted by the Board of Health against public meetings during the cholera epidemic. Our meetings have been fairly well attended, with an average of about twenty. Our president is never weary of the duties devolving upon her in this work of the W. C. T. U., but always comes before us with a hopeful courage, born of her implicit faith in the cause.

She evidently believes it to be a righteous cause and therefore, sure to be crowned with success at last. We sometimes feel that the real object of our society is not being attained, but as all great reforms move slowly, and as we are only a small outpost compared to the immense army of temperance workers scattered up and down and all around the world, we comfort ourselves that we are adding our mite to the vast efforts of the multitude. Miss Willard says in a late address to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union convention of America: "I do not know how it may be with other speakers and writers in the cause of temperance, women and labor, but for myself I seldom hear that anything has come of what I have tried to do. Yet now and then in ways most unexpected I have learnt of changes in the lives of individuals and even communities that have astounded me as results of my poor labors, and I conclude from this if we were but to know all the good that is developed or conserved by our united and systematic efforts we should indeed take heart of hope."

M. A. HILTON-GREENE, Recording Secretary.

Woman's Directory.

One interesting feature of the woman's edition of The Time, to be issued next week, will be a Woman's Business Directory. It is the desire of the management that the name of every woman in Honolulu who is doing business for herself will find its way into this column, be she doctor or lawyer, teacher or nurse, dressmaker or milliner, keeper of a boarding or lodging house, or in any other honorable line of work to which circumstances or conditions have called her. By this means she may not only help herself, it is hoped, but have this opportunity to contribute something to a great branch of woman's work for children, in which all are interested to build up and enlarge.

The Bishop of Honolulu has appointed the following committee from the Anglican Synod to investigate church matters, the result of a resolution passed at the synod: Revs. S. H. Davis, L. Byrde and W. Horsfall, Messrs. Edward Stiles and H. von Holt.

FROM DENSE JUNGLE

Coffee Planters Have Reclaimed Forests of Oloa.

SECOND REUNION OF PIONEERS.

Mountain View Hotel Transformed Into a Floral Bower—Banquet, Toasts and Dancing—Brief Description of Work That Has Been Done.

Many of the readers of the ADVERTISER and GAZETTE have been to the volcano from Hilo, and will recollect that they followed a mule trail most of the way from about the eleventh mile to the volcano. This trail led over bare volcanic rock (pahoehoe), and passing a few houses on the way inhabited by native families, and on the right hand of this trail and extending to near the volcano a belt of forest land, consisting of tall ohia trees, and an almost impenetrable jungle of ferns and la-la vines, in fact, a mysterious region of forest, and quite as much unknown as the vast extent of forest situated in Central Africa and described by Stanley and other explorers.

This stretch of forest was many miles in length, and of unknown breadth, containing a vast acreage, and had never been penetrated except by a few bird catchers and natives, and then only on the outskirts, and its inhabitants were the feathered songsters of brilliant plumage, birds which seek and prefer the solitude of a vast jungle, and which are seldom seen in the vicinity of the haunts of man.

This vast mysterious forest is Oloa, and as it was scarcely more than three years ago. How is it today?

It would seem almost as if we were living in an age and among a people such as is described in the Arabian Nights, and that the magician had waved his wand over the scene and effected magically the present transformation. This vast mysterious region of forest within the short space of three years is now traversed by a splendid and costly macadamized road, equal in all respects to a Honolulu roadway, and on each side of this road, for the entire distance through the forest belt, are the clearings and residences of the pioneers who are effecting this magic transformation.

There is almost a continuous belt of coffee trees, broken only in places by the strip of forest usually left between the different holdings to act as a breakwind for the better protection of the coffee trees, but hidden in great measure from the view of tourists who travel to the volcano by the strip of forest, 150 feet in width, reserved by the Government in order to preserve the natural beauty of the original wilderness. This reserved strip is broken, however, in places, wherever there is a residence, by openings, which extend to the road, and which give a view of the coffee fields lying in the rear and of the snow-clad Mauna Kea. In connection with the above, and to show what has been done and what can be done, I cannot refrain from quoting a paragraph from a memorial to the Crown Land Commissioners which went from here less than one year ago:

"That we believe that this arrangement as outlined by us would give us bits of forest land, open spots where would be built pretty homesteads, surrounded with fruits and flowers, an unobstructed and far-reaching view of the extensive coffee plantations, to be, we hope, in the near future, with their wealth of color, the glossy green leaf, the snow-white and fragrant blossom, and the crimson ripe berry ready for the harvest, and in the distant background the swelling slopes and hoary snow-clad summits of those magnificent twin monarchs of the Pacific, Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea. We submit, gentlemen, that a view like this, which can be had, and that in the near future, if you will only allow us to make it, would be far more attractive."

I quote the above paragraphs to show what this mysterious forest of Oloa needed in order to transform it into a veritable Garden of Eden. We now have the class of people I have just described above. There are none more intelligent and progressive on the face of the earth, and more of the same class are being constantly attracted here, and the transformation has begun and is already well under way, and all in the way of an attractive view as described above has been brought to pass in many instances and will become general in the near future. Of course all this improvement and progress which is going on all around could not take place without the help and co-operation of a friendly and able Government and Legislature, and that we have.

The residents of Oloa nearly two years ago formed themselves into a society called the Hawaiian Coffee Planters' Association. Their objects were to foster the coffee industry and to confer on all matters of mutual interest, and to promote a friendly feeling among the members. One of their aims is to have a yearly reunion and ball, to which are invited friends of the organization living in Hilo and elsewhere.

The second reunion or ball was given on the night of November 30th, at Mountain View Hotel, owned by J. R. Wilson. The night was cloudless, with a full moon shining through the tops of the tall ohia, and an occasional glimpse of Mauna Kea, with its snow-clad summit, could be had. The attendance was very large, considerably over 100 guests, besides the resident population, and very many of

the best people from Hilo and vicinity, were in attendance. Mountain View Hotel is a spacious building with very wide verandas enclosing it on all sides, giving ample room for dancing, which was carried on on the front veranda, and for the supper which was served on two parallel tables running the full length of the back veranda. The rooms and verandas were brilliantly lighted with Chinese lanterns and finely decorated by E. D. Baldwin from the products of the Oloa woods and garden. The music was furnished by the Hilo band. The supper at which some happy speeches of welcome were made by Mr. Ross, the president, Mr. Farnsworth and Mr. Barthrop, was all that could be desired, and was closed with a vote of thanks to all who had a hand in this joyous occasion. Dancing continued until a late hour and at daylight the guests after a night of unalloyed enjoyment separated on their way to their several homes.

It was indeed a memorable occasion and these annual reunions it is to be hoped will continue from year to year, and be participated in by our children after the original pioneers have passed from the scene. The floral decorations arranged by E. D. Baldwin proved him to be an artist of great ability. Opposite the main entrance were two large floral pieces. The one on the right was the word "Welcome," in letters of a foot in length, each letter being composed of quadruple rows of crimson coffee berries, set on a background of ti-leaves, the border of this picture was composed of a fruit or vegetable called in Spanish "chayote." The one on the left hand was circular in form and about eight feet in diameter. The center, for a width of four feet, was composed of wawawale (mouse foot), interspersed here and there with hibiscus blossoms. Surrounding this central disc was a double row of pure white fluted blossoms, and surrounding the whole was a fringe, more than a foot in width, of the leaves of the la-la vine. The effect was magnificent. There was also an exhibition of all the products of the forest and gardens of Oloa, which was unique; flowers in abundance, from roses to callas. Two of the products deserve special mention. One was a Washington navel orange tree contributed by E. D. Baldwin. This tree was about three feet in height, and upon the tree were several dozen perfect oranges averaging four inches each in diameter, besides blossoms and newly formed fruit. The other notable product was a bunch of a peculiar kind of grass some seven feet in length and introduced into the district by Mr. Sumter. This grass, unnamed and unclassified as yet, is probably the most wonderful forage plant ever introduced into Hawaii, and perhaps second only in value to coffee.

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